

Join the club Boys and Girls Club now open in Belleville

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Nine-year-old Honeste Giles enjoyed her first experience with the Boys and Girls Club so much that she was the first member to join the Belleville chapter.

Giles, a student at Savage Elementary School, helped during the club orientation answering questions for students and parents about what it's like to be a member.



The after-school club offers children the opportunity to play games, get homework help and learn social skills, according to the club organization.

She said she originally wanted to join the Boys and Girls Club because of all the fun activities.

"It's fabulous," she said. "You get to play games and do lots of things. You gotta love it because even though there's rules, you can still follow the rules and have fun."

Giles is just one of the many Van Buren Public School District students who said they joined the club to make new friends and enjoy playtime. Bryant Jones, 9, said he likes being able to 'get out of the house.'

"I like to say 'hi' to my friends in the club and I made a lot of new ones, too," said the student at Edgemont Elementary. "My favorite part is gym where I get exercise and play with my friends."

To date, the membership count is 126 students for the year-round program. It started in October and everything has been positive, according to club director Jill Covell.

"Children receive homework help after school, get to play in the sports program, participate in community service, learn healthy habits and smart moves," she said. "The most important part is the children receive organized fun and



The Belleville chapter of the Boys and Girls Club started in October and now has 126 members in the group. They continue to take new members, as well.

get to be kids."

"When I was a kid I always had someone in my life, that's why I do this," she added.

The program—geared for children ages 6-18—runs after school from 3 to 8:30 p.m., Monday through Friday at Edgemont Elementary School. The membership is \$30 and the club is still taking new students, according to program coordinator Carrie Young.

"It helps social skills, is a great opportunity for students to make new friends at other schools and, all and all, it's a great place to have fun," she said.

"I know that the Boys and Girls

Club plays a big part in their lives," added Young, who's worked with the organization for eight years. "We're here to not only help watch them grow, but part of their development into productive citizens. I wish this was around in my day."

Alexandria Dirkse, 10, said she is happy it is and without the club she wouldn't have anything to do.

"I've never really been in a club," she said. "I thought since there was both girls and boys it would be an opportunity to meet new friends. It's been more than I expected and I've made many new friends. It feels good to know I belong here and that people know

me at school.

"I would tell people to join because it's fun, you learn new things, you get to be free-spirited and it really makes you feel good," she added.

The Belleville club almost didn't happen, according to the organization, but thanks to an anonymous Van Buren Township donor, the club got started this year. Children, like Dirkse, Jones and Giles said they're certainly thankful.

A new member orientation for both parents and students is planned for 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Edgemont school. For more information, call (248) 473-1400.

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Teens charged in 'thrill kill' beheading

Scott Spielman
Editor

Two teenagers have been charged with a gruesome murder uncovered last week in Northville Township.

Jean Pierre Orlewicz, 17, of Plymouth and Alexander James Letkemann, 18, of Westland, were arraigned in Romulus on charges of first degree premeditated murder, felony murder, and mutilation of a corpse on Monday afternoon. They face life in prison.

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy said the young men knew 26-year-old Daniel Sorenson of River Rouge, but the most likely motive for the crime was simply because they wanted to do it.

"I've seen every kind of crime and still the idea that there are people who would kill just for the thrill of it is bone chilling," said Worthy, who has been in law enforcement for 22 years. "The evidence that the police have gathered in this case suggests just that."

Sorenson's decapitated and burned body was discovered Thursday morning. Police released additional details of the crime on morning. Citing the tremendous cooperative effort between nine different policing agencies, officials believe:

The two suspects lured Sorenson to Orlewicz's grandfather's home on Holly Lane in Canton Township with the express intent of killing him.

"They had a space prepared so they could kill him," said Worthy of the garage on Holly



Jean Pierre Orlewicz



Alexander James Letkemann

Lane, where a tarp had been spread out to gather up evidence of the crime and cleaning products stood nearby.

They stabbed the victim repeatedly and severed his head after he died, Worthy said. They used a blowtorch on his hands and feet to hide the identity of the victim, then wrapped the body in a tarp and took it to the vacant cul-de-sac in Northville Township where he was discovered. They set the body on fire there, according to Worthy.

They allegedly took the head and tossed it into the Rouge River in Hines Park.

"There is ample evidence of premeditation in this case," said Worthy. "This was a well thought out crime. They went to great lengths to try to conceal the identity of the victim and they wanted to get as many police agencies involved as they could."

The suspects' attempt to hide the identity didn't work out, though. Police discovered Sorenson's identity through a fingerprint and then tracked down his vehicle, a red pick-up truck that had been abandoned at

the Meijer store on Newburgh and Warren roads in Westland.

Tips also led to the discovery of the severed head near the Dearborn Heights and Detroit border, according to Worthy.

Orlewicz is a senior at Canton High School. Letkemann attended the Wayne-Westland School District until 2004, when he left for an alternative school in Livonia.

Worthy said additional charges may be filed against other suspects in the case, but declined to comment further.

"There are other persons of interest out there," she said. "There is no one else in custody at this time, but the investigation continues."

"This is a horrific case," said John Santomauro, director of Canton Public Safety. "We're talking about 17-year-olds being charged. I think all of us are shocked by what we've seen."

Sgt Rick Pomorski of the Canton Township Police Department said police were still talking to people of interest in the case.

"A lot of people think that when a person is arrested, the investigation is over," he said, "but sometimes, that is just the beginning. Information continues to flow. The investigation is ongoing."

Letkemann and Orlewicz are scheduled for a preliminary examination at 9 a.m. on Monday at the 35th District Court. More details of the investigation, motive and connection between suspects and victims will be unveiled then, he said.

News in brief

Credit union collects blankets

Public Service Credit Union has teamed up with the Southeastern Chapter of the American Red Cross and the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) to provide blankets for the homeless during the winter months.

Blankets can be dropped off at the credit union, which is located at 7665 Merriman Road during regular business hours.

Chamber hosts assistant county executive

The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce has invited Turkia Awada Mullin, the assistant Wayne County executive, to speak at the monthly business luncheon.

At the meeting, local businesses are given an opportunity to network. The topic of Mullin's speech is the Wayne County Land Bank and TURBO Project, which is an effort to lure businesses to blighted and abandoned areas within the county.

The luncheon will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 20, at the Clarion Barcelo Hotel, 8600 Merriman Road.

Registration will take place from 11 a.m. to noon. Lunch will be served at noon.

The cost of the event is \$15 for chamber members, and \$18 for non-members.

Reservations must be made by Friday, Nov. 16.

For more information, or to make reservations, call the chamber at (734) 893-0694.

Food drive continues at secretary of state offices

Area residents visiting the secretary of state's office may be surprised by the containers of canned and nonperishable food being collected at each location.

The Harvest Gathering food drive will continue at each secretary of state office until Dec. 14. All donations are used to benefit needy families in the communities in which it is donated, according to Terri Lynn Land, secretary of state.

"As the holiday season fast approaches, I encourage people to donate and help out those less fortunate in their community," Land said. "A million Michigan

residents are expected to use a food bank this year, so each donation helps put food on tables across our state."

Donated items include peanut butter, canned tuna and other meat, and canned fruits, vegetables and soups, although all nonperishable food items are welcome.

Canned stews will not be accepted because of safety concerns, Land said.

Cash donations are also being accepted and will be used to cover the cost of collecting and distributing the food. People will be given an envelope to mail in cash donations, Land said.

In 2006, the Michigan Harvest Gathering collected more than \$300,000 and 350,000 pounds of food. The 2007 goal is \$350,000 and 500,000 pounds of food.

The campaign helps supply state regional food banks through the donations of food and money. The regional food banks served food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters in every Michigan county, Land stressed.

For more information about branch office locations, use the branch office locator at www.Michigan.gov/sos.

Baseball

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Toledo Mud Hens, a minor league team associated with the Detroit Tigers, regularly sell out Fifth Third Field, which is located in downtown Toledo. In 2006, Toledo hosted the Triple All-Star Game, and \$3 million was pumped into the local economy there, according to published

reports.

Karen Cullen, a spokesperson for Ilitch Holdings, owners of the Tigers' team, said she could not respond by press time, but did say she would look into why the deal was abandoned.

Keyes said one aspect of having a minor league team in the city that might be better off abandoned is the idea of baseball.

"We're looking at football, hockey... we're taking a look at

other options," he said.

The area does already have one minor league hockey team, the Plymouth Whalers, which play at the Compuware Arena near M-14 in Plymouth Township.

Despite the closeness of Plymouth Township, Lambert feels another hockey team could be successful in Romulus.

"When you look at the numbers, their games are sold out in

advance all of the time," he said. "We like hockey here in Michigan. I don't think we'd have any problems attracting fans."

A hockey arena could double as a convention center if it is built. Lambert said a number of the arenas have moveable ice to accommodate other types of events.

He added that preliminary talks - not negotiations - are also possible with a soccer team.

Complex - Recreation management contract negotiations nearly complete

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to start a marketing push to get residents and non-residents signed up for memberships.

"Because the financing is membership-based, we need to start marketing activities, which is part of what Rink is doing for us," Keyes said.

Mayor Alan Lambert said he also is anxious to get the contract finalized.

Direct mailers and other methods of communications will be used to encourage the purchase of

memberships, but that's contingent on the council's approval, Keyes said.

"It's important that we move forward now to get the mailers out," he said. "We'd also need to do advertise the facility to let people know what it offers, and when it's opening."

The city announced plans to renovate the recreation facility - which was once a warehouse owned by the Overhead Crane Co.- in January 2005. The Wayne Road building was expanded to

90,000 square feet, not including outdoor amenities. The facility is expected to cover an 11-acre parcel of land that was acquired by the city after the purchase of the old warehouse.

The \$18 million cost was financed by the TIFA.

When it opens, some aspects of the building may not be completed, Keyes said. A final date has not been identified.

According to information on the Rink Management web site, the firm is the largest recreation

management service in North America.

Romulus would not be the first endeavor in Michigan the firm has taken on. Rink Management provides operational services for the Taylor Sportsplex, a nearby an indoor recreational and sports activities facility in Taylor. The Romulus facility will be on par with the Sportsplex, which is 147,000 square feet and has two ice rinks, inline and soccer and lacrosse fields, lounges, and several meeting rooms.

Crash

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was drunk at the time of the accident, Kurth said.

After Baker received treatment for cuts and bruises, he was taken into custody by Inkster police.

Wayne County prosecutors approved a warrant for Baker, and he was arraigned via video at the 34th District Court in Romulus Monday. He will face charges of driving under the influence of alcohol, causing death, and manslaughter. The charges are punishable by up to 15 years behind bars.

Kurth said that Baker had previous convictions for drunk driving on his record.

Visiting Judge Donald Vandersloot ordered Baker held in lieu of \$500,000 cash bond and entered a not guilty plea on his behalf. Baker is currently in custody at the Wayne County Jail.

Baker will return to the 22nd District Court in Inkster for a pre-trial exam at 9 a.m. on Nov. 21.

OPINION

Time to do the job

Legislators in Lansing have touted two major successes recently. The compromise that led to the approval of the 2007-2008 budget approval and the push to hold the presidential primary in January were designed to poise Michigan for the future and expand the voice of our state on the national stage.

Now, one aspect of the budget—the unusual and largely unpopular sales tax on some services—has been repealed and not yet replaced and the fate of the primary may be in the hands of the courts or subject to the whims of partisan politics. Good luck, either way.

Rather than tackle these and other pressing issues, legislators took off on a two-week vacation this week after a long weekend caused by the Veteran's Day holiday.

Good job and have a nice time, everyone.

Both of these issues symbolize an appalling lack of leadership and direction in our state. It's frustrating for many of us at the local level, who are trying to do our jobs, plan for the future and, in many cases, keep local municipalities afloat.

Perhaps this is an argument for the re-evaluation of term limits. Maybe what some legislators have said—that it takes too long to learn the job to do it effectively in six years in the House or eight in the Senate. That seems like a woeful learning curve to us, but then again, we've never been up there dealing with the day-to-day pressures of the job.

The fact that a vacation seems like the right thing to do right now could put focus on another issue that would save the state a good deal of money: transforming the legislature into a part-time body. Perhaps a package that combined that with an extension or elimination of term limits would win favor with the voters.

Legislators should do something to fix this mess we're in sooner rather than later. Whatever is decided about the upcoming primary could be a double-edged sword for our state: the national spotlight can be harsh, indeed.

Lawsuit as negotiation?

Will anyone surprised that the developers of the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital filed a lawsuit against Northville Township please raise their hands?

We thought so.

We're not surprised, either, and neither are officials in Northville Township. They've said for more than a year that this thing would probably end up in court.

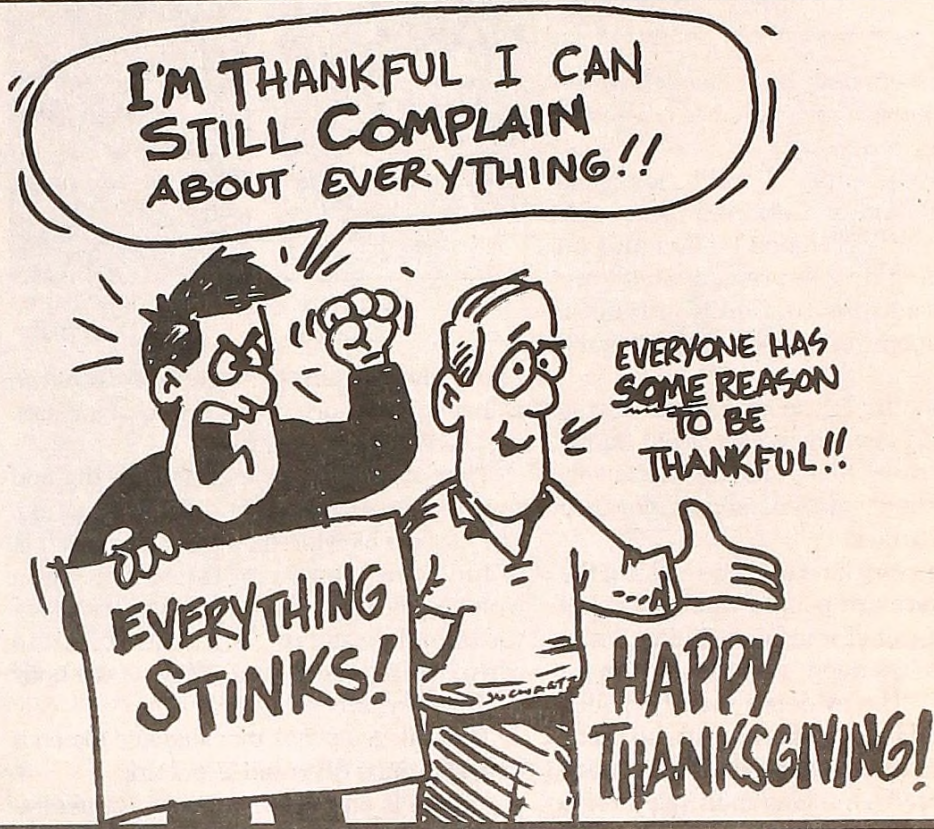
The early signs indicated it, too, through the legal presence in public meetings where the concept plan and request for consideration under the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority act were considered.

Those signs were verified last Wednesday, when the lawsuit landed on Township Manager Chip Snider's desk. The suit, seeking damages of more than \$25,000, all but accused the township of keeping Michigan in its single state recession by denying the Highwood concept that would allegedly bring in \$800 million in overall investment in the state, thousands of jobs and plenty of tax revenue to the township. They claim they were thwarted at every level.

Please.

No self-respecting local politician would want to block this kind of development at a time when tax revenues are drying up. But if this development would overburden the infrastructure, tax the public safety department with calls to neighborhoods where the houses are too close together and force the school district to construct a new school, where do you draw the line?

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More post-election thoughts

Just days after Election Day in the City of Wayne, the sore losers and conspiracy theorists had their thoughts on the outcome of the vote.

The negative thoughts that were notably absent from the campaign season couldn't stay gone forever; it seems. People questioned my integrity and the actions of Mathew Mulholland, who earned more votes than anyone else in the election.

Well, I'm at peace with it. I gave a lot of press to Mulholland, but people who do more tend to get more press. I was impressed that he took the initiative to sit by the mural on the State Wayne Theater until the wee hours of the morning on Devil's Night, just in case. I mentioned him in one of my Election Day blogs, just like I mentioned another stop that day. Big deal.

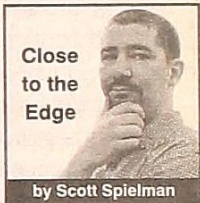
Some people have questioned, though, why Michael Smith got involved in the election to begin with, and I find that line of thought particularly discouraging. We should be celebrating this guy's story, not questioning his motives. Here we have someone who genuinely wanted to get involved in the community—and he showed a lot of courage in doing so. He entered an election with three seasoned incumbents and the vast campaign machine of Mulholland—who probably outspent everyone else, combined—and, through sheer hard work and determination, nearly pulled it off. If Smith had gone out a week or two

earlier or made a stronger appeal to senior voters, he'd probably be sworn in next week.

He took his lumps, learned his lesson and has already vowed to be back. Instead of thanking him, people want to fold his run into a plot to get a particular member of the council out of office. Come on. It's no wonder that more people don't get involved in politics if this is the kind of reception they get.

It's time to put that kind of thought behind us and get on with things. The new and re-elected members of council will be sworn in at the next meeting on Tuesday, which takes place at the Wayne Community Center. That's also where the final footnote of this election will take place—the selection of the mayor pro tem. I wouldn't mind seeing a change there, since Pam Dobrowolski has held the post since I've been around and it's nice to change things up once in a while.

I've been doing a lot of thinking in the past few weeks, too, based on something Mayor Al Haidous said to me on election night, about my role in bringing the city's message to the people and the people's message to the city. I haven't always done a good job with that, but now is a good time to wipe the slate clean and start anew. That's good advice for the council, too.



Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

Wild, and wide, world of sports

Welcome to the brave new world of high school sports.

We've all survived the fall season. Expectations fell short for a lot of teams but it was a good year nonetheless.

There was a feeling in the back of my tired skull that kept telling me that there was something missing. For some reason Thursday nights seemed empty. It finally dawned on me while at a volleyball district tournament. Where was girls' basketball?

This was the first year that the two sports swapped seasons as result of a high court ruling and, not to take anything away from volleyball, the fall just didn't seem the same.

Now we all have to get ready for an overload. I hope you like basketball because there's no getting around it this winter. The basketball schedule this season is expanded to the point where the cheap seats are teetering on the brink of, well, chaos.

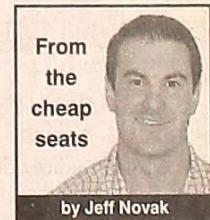
In any given week there will be as many as 36 basketball games—girls and boys combined—at the nine different high schools in Journal Land. Then add boys' hockey, and now girls', too. There's also wrestling, gymnastics, and boys' swimming and John Glenn added a bowling program last year, too.

The new schedule, and a bad case of bronchitis, has already wreaked havoc on season basketball previews. This week you will see a few. If you don't see your team, look in the weeks to come as I try to squeeze them all in through the holiday deadlines.

Where to go and what to do?

That is the question not only faced by me but also by families, friends, students and teachers who now have to choose between the boys and girls basketball teams since both are scheduled the same nights.

With the lagging economy and shrinking newspapers where will it all go and how will it all get covered? That's where I come in. I vow to cover as many games and events as possible. But that's where coaches come in to play. All I ask is that they make themselves available to talk to me or return my phone calls or emails. Coaches can also send game summaries via email to jnovak@journal-group.com or leave a voicemail at (734) 467-1900 ext. 233.



From the cheap seats

by Jeff Novak

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Lawsuit

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There has been a concept plan for this property that dates back prior to the original request for bids from the State of Michigan. It hasn't been a secret. The price on the property has dropped to less than half the original asking price since then, and the developers still want additional discounts. The township has approved the concept plan, too. They did that in April which, coincidentally, is the last time township officials said they've heard directly from the developer—until Wednesday. The problem is the developer just doesn't like the plan that was

approved and they're taking a hard line in their 'negotiations.' The township has increased the size of the commercial component on the corner, just not enough to 'make it viable' according to the developers. We all know what that means: they won't make enough money on it. So now the issue will head to the courts. Township officials said they will hold the line on the issue. It's pretty clear that the developer will, too. The two sides will talk back and forth through the media—and now lawyers and in the end, after thousands of dollars have been spent on both sides, a court will order them to do what they should have done in the first place: negotiate. What a monumental and expensive waste of time and energy.

Sports

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I know some coaches already do this or have an assistant or parents do this and I thank you for that. Another thing I would like to ask for is help from someone in our community. I'm looking for someone to join me in the cheap seats. That's right I have the OK to pull up an extra bleacher seat for a winter sports intern. I prefer somebody in the journalism

field or currently in a university/college journalism program. Photography skills are a plus but not required. Unfortunately, the position is unpaid but the experience, I promise, will be priceless. Well, I won't promise but I'll try my hardest to make it fun. Applicants can send resumes and clips (if possible) to the above email, the Journal fax (734 729-1840) or snail mail them to Journal Newspapers, 35540 Michigan Ave., Wayne, MI 48184. The sooner the better.

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD OCTOBER 22, 2007 IN THE ROMULUS CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Pro Tem Randolph Gear.
Present: John Barden, Harry Crout, William Crova, Randolph Gear, William Wadsworth.
Excused: Ellen Craig-Bragg, LeRoy Burcroff,
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Linda R. Choate, Clerk
Pamela Morrison/Kersey, Treasurer

1. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-311

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crout to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held October 8, 2007.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-312

3A. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to concur with the recommendations of City Assessor, Julie Albert, and grant Kreher Wire Processing, Inc., located at 34822 Goddard Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174, a tax abatement for a period of eight (8) years for a 17,572 square foot addition to their existing facility with a total investment of \$3,926,746. Effective date will commence on December 31, 2007 and expire December 30, 2015.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-313

3B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crout to concur with the recommendations of City Assessor, Julie Albert, and grant Detroit Media Partnership located at 6911 Metroplex, Romulus, Michigan 48174, a tax abatement for a period of two (2) years for improvements on \$1,275,100 in real and personal property. Effective date will commence December 31, 2007 and expire December 30, 2009.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-314

4A. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Helen Gallien.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Barden, supported by Wadsworth to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-315

5A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to introduce Budget Amendment 07/08-11:				
FUND/DEPT.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
General Fund				
Expense				
101-2990-729.93-08	Transfer-Out/Motor Vehicle Fund	60,000	30,050	90,050
Fund Balance				
101-0000-390.00-00	Fund Balance	1,653,083	-30,050	1,623,033
FUND/DEPT.				

ACCOUNT NO.
Motor Vehicle Fund

Revenue			
661-0000-699.91-01 Transfer-In/General Fund	60,000	30,050	90,050
Expense			
661-4410-744.80-15 Capital Outlay	60,000	30,050	90,050

To fund an automated brine maker and storage tank for winter salt and summer dust control applications. (This is a joint purchase with the City of Wayne to comply with the State of Michigan's incentive for intragovernment initiatives).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-316

5B. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to concur with the recommendation of Thomas Wilson, DPW Director, to adopt a resolution to grant authorization for the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Inter-governmental agreement with the City of Wayne for the use of the Automated Brine Maker and Storage Tank.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-317

5C. Motion by Barden, supported by Wadsworth to concur with the Administration and adopt a resolution to grant authorization for the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Recreation Center Operating Escrow Account Agreement between the City of Romulus and the Tax Increment Finance Authority for the purpose of advancing \$500,000 to the City for initial start-up costs for the recreation center and to pay for operating costs until the revenues generated by the facility are sufficient to pay the expenses of the operation, and to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute said agreement.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-318

6A1. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to approve second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendment 07-08-10, introduced at the Council Meeting held October 22, 2007.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

07-319

11. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Barden to authorize the Treasurer of the City of Romulus to disburse funds as listed in Warrant 07-20 in the amount of Nine Hundred Thirty Three Thousand, Three Hundred Eighty Seven Dollars and Fifty Four Cents (933,387.54).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Crout, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Abstain - Crova
Motion Carried.

12. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Barden to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on October 22, 2007.

Linda Choate, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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Health conscious

Student group organizes event to promote better teen habits

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Belleville High School student Ponce Garner wants to show others the reality of eating disorders. In his minute and a half video, Garner displays images of people who suffer from the disease in an effort to demonstrate the deathly effects they can have on the human body.

"I have family and friends who are always commenting about how they're fat or they need to lose weight when they really don't," said Garner, a sophomore in the Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) student group. "Most people will probably be scared and nervous after watching this video, but when they see this, I hope they see they're skinny enough now."

Garner, along with other students, took their message to everyone to live healthier lives last week during the parent-teacher conferences at the high school.

Julie Schultz, teacher of the FCCLA group, said the turnout of the health fair was amazing, bring-

ing in students, staff and parents. "It's about public awareness, especially student awareness," said Schultz, who is also a registered nurse. "There's some really unhealthy habits now so we're showing what it would look like if people don't change their behavior."

"The kids got a lot out of it," she added. "For example, we identified students who were borderline high blood pressure and asked what they could do to bring that down. The bonus is the kids can come back for help, as well."

The health fair, which was a first for the high school, included booths and information on topics like the effects of smoking, teen suicide, alcohol facts, saying no to drugs, inhalants, consequences of obesity, benefits of exercise, AIDS consequences, lifestyles and the cause of death, marijuana and its effects, health surveys and a blood drive for the American Red Cross.

Samantha Flake, president of FCCLA, said she wanted everyone to take home an awareness of what she learned about the effects of alcohol.

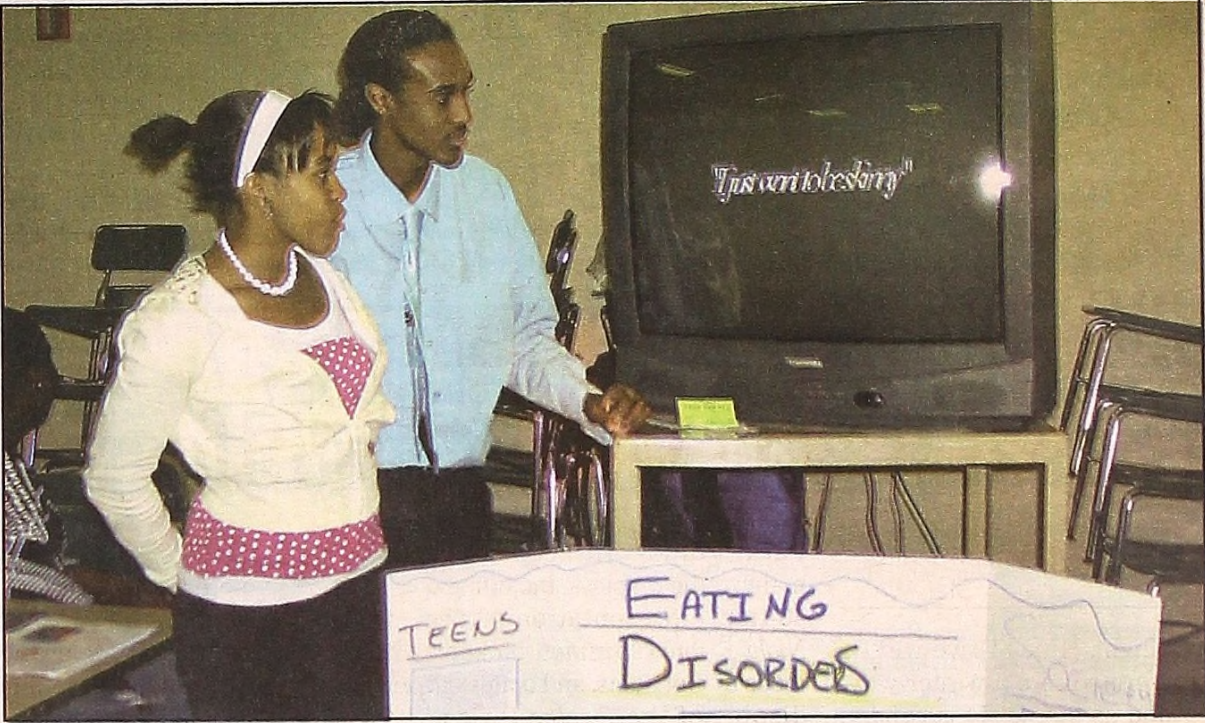
"For example, students grades

can go down when they're using alcohol. This helps tell them what they can do," said the senior student. "Alcohol affects the body long-term and everyone around them."

Organizations, such as the American Cancer Society, Belleville Pediatrics, the Corner Health Center, the Ozone House, Taylor Teen Health Center and the Eastern Michigan University Office of Nutrition Services, were also on hand.

Cheryl Gniewek, community representative in Belleville for the American Cancer Society, said their obvious push at the health fair was cancer awareness—which is always an issue—but also to encourage smokers to quit.

"We have brochures and information to show this is what you're doing to yourself," she said.



Students Erin Roberts and Ponce Garner watch a video made by Garner on teens and eating disorders during the health fair hosted at Belleville High School last week.

CITY OF ROMULUS NOTICE OF A PUBLIC WORKSHOP ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE

The City of Romulus invites you to attend a public workshop on the updated Draft Zoning Ordinance to discuss the revisions before it is finalized.

The public workshop will be held on Wednesday, November 28, 2007 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

A copy of the revised ordinance in its entirety may be viewed at the Planning Department between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Planning Department is located on the 1st floor of City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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CITY OF ROMULUS BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING 35835 HERMAN ROAD

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended (The City and Village Zoning Act), notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at **7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 5, 2007** for the purpose of considering a variance request. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

The Zoning Board of Appeals has set the public hearing to consider a variance from Section 4.31, Private Pools and Hot Tubs, of the City of Romulus Zoning Ordinance to allow a side yard setback of 8.5-foot for a swimming pool. The Zoning Ordinance requires a distance of 10-feet between the outside pool wall and the property line; therefore a 1.5-foot variance is required. The subject property is located at 35835 Herman Road. DP# 82-80-068-99-0023-001. Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Wednesday, December 5, 2007 and should be addressed to Cynthia I. Lyon, AICP, City Planner, Economic Development Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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CITY OF ROMULUS NOTICE OF Public Hearing and Proposed Program Statement For the FY 2008/2009 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

Pursuant to federal guidelines, the City of Romulus is scheduling a Public Hearing on Monday, November 26, 2007, at 7:15 pm for the purpose of receiving comments or suggestions regarding projects for the fiscal year **2008/2009 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) Program**. The CITY OF ROMULUS expects to receive an estimated \$243,000 plus an additional \$30,000 for Housing Rehabilitation.

The primary objectives of the Federal HUD CDBG program are to assist low to moderate income families directly or to provide benefits in areas where 51 % of the residents are low to moderate income, such as replacing the urban infrastructure of streets, improve recreational facilities and programs and assist in meeting special needs of the elderly and physically disabled.

The following projects, subject to the Public Hearing Process, have been proposed and will meet HUD objectives by benefiting low and moderate-income families, preserving deteriorating housing stock and enhancing parks and public facilities.

2008 Proposed Projects

ACTIVITY/Location:	Estimated CDBG ALLOCATION	*From Program Income:	
Senior Services - Citywide	\$35,000	\$0	T \$35,000
36525 Bibbins			
Chore/min or home repair services, Transportation, education, Recreation & staffing			
Senior Center - Partial Bond Payment	\$208,000	\$32,400	T\$240,400
36525 Bibbins, Romulus, MI 48174			
Year FIVE of a ten year pre-commitment of the City of Romulus CDBG allocation to pay for the \$3.4 mil bonded construction. CDBG funds were pre-committed until 2013 (with an estimated reduced allocation of 5% annually)			
Administration (10%)		\$10,000	T\$10,000
	\$243,000.00		
Housing Rehabilitation	30,000.00		
TOTAL ESTIMATED Allocation:	\$273,000.00	*\$42,400 P.I.	\$315,400

IN ADDITION, the city anticipates receiving approximately \$42,400 through repayment of liens/ revolving funds (program income), to be used for bond payment and emergency housing rehabilitations. The City of Romulus will also apply for an additional \$30,000 to continue the housing rehabilitation program, as indicated above.

All interested parties, organizations, agencies or individuals are invited to submit a "Request for Funding" or comment on the Proposed Projects at, or prior to, the Public Hearing. For further information, contact the Community Development Department, City of Romulus, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174.

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THE SCENE



Bright idea

300,000 cars expected annual Wayne County Lightfest

Meghan Chatham
Staff Writer

Tonight, Hines Drive will be transformed into a winter wonderland as the newly expanded Wayne County Parks Lightfest returns.

The Merriman Hollow area of Hines Park, located off Merriman Road just south of Warren Road in Westland, will bustle with activity as Wayne County begins the annual show with music, fireworks, and—of course—the lights.

Described as ‘the largest and longest light show in the Midwest’, Wayne County Parks Director Beverly Watts said that the 4-mile long drive began in 1993 as a way to bring more visitors into the parks and to pay tribute to the holidays. The event grew from a small display, she said, to a large-scale seasonal tradition.

This year, the event has added a walk-through display. Located in the Warrendale area of Hines

Park, sound will accompany many of the displays, including a 40-figure presentation of *The Night Before Christmas*, an enormous tree of lights, and a musical display of the *Twelve Days of Christmas*. The display use LED lights, Watts said, due to cost and

them more.”

There is more to the Lightfest than just admiring the lights, though. In the Warrendale area, children will be able to drop off their Christmas letters to Santa Claus while their parents browse in Santa’s Workshop. Santa himself will be on site from Thanksgiving through Dec. 23. Refreshments will also be available. The Warrendale area is located off of Warren Road just east of Telegraph Road.

The lights along Hines Drive will remain similar to past years as more than a million holiday lights will twinkle and glow and 35 animated displays entertain passers-by.

“For the last three years, we’ve averaged between 225,000 and 250,000 cars,” Watts said. “With the new amenities, we’re anticipating more this year. We’ll be happy with 300,000 this year.”

Set up is a massive undertaking for county crews, Watts said.

“Normally, we start setting up on Oct. 1,” said Watts. “I don’t

environmental concerns.

“A lot of people were writing to me and to the county executive saying, ‘We love the light show, but we want more,’” said Watts. “This year, we’re going to give

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Beverly Watts



think the public realizes just how much goes into setting it up—it generally takes anywhere from four to six weeks.”

She said that everything that goes into putting on an activity of this kind pays off when workers see the smiles the displays bring to the faces of visitors.

“We have something for everyone,” said Watts. “You’re creating memories together. This is something your children will never forget.”

The Lightfest will originate at the Hines Drive entrance off of Merriman Road. The entrance is located just north of Warren Road and about 2 ½ miles south of I-96 in Westland.

Tonight, the festivities and the fireworks will begin at 6 p.m..

The display will otherwise be open daily from 7-10 p.m. through Jan. 1. It will be open every evening except Christmas Day. Hines Drive will be closed to general traffic beginning at 5:45 p.m. each day.

A donation of \$5 per car is requested to offset the costs of operating the show.

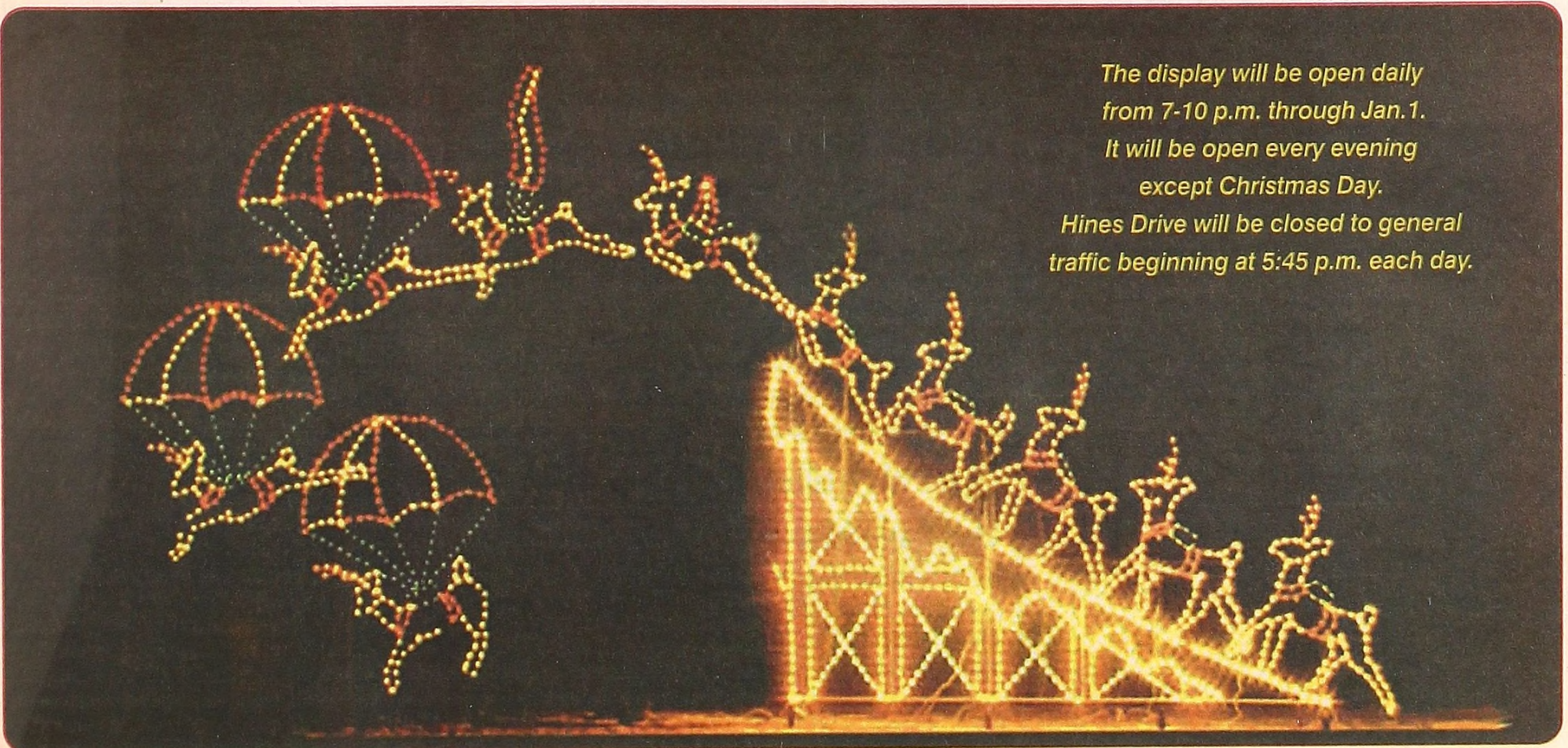
On Dec. 7, 14, and 21, visitors are asked to donate a new, unwrapped toy in lieu of the regular admission donation. The items collected on “Toy Night” will be distributed to charitable groups including the Wayne County Family Shelter, C.O.T.S., and the Salvation Army.

For more information, contact Wayne County Parks at (734) 261-1990.

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Farm fresh

Veterinary student takes on animal care at Northville Maybury Farm

Scott Spielman
Editor

Like many who start a new job, Laura Roberts spent the first month getting to know everyone around her.

It might not seem difficult to remember names like 'Caramel' and 'Target,' but her duties at the Maybury Farm bring some difficulties in that area, too.

"They've introduced me to all 13 sheep by name—but sheep are all white," she said with a laugh. "I may have remembered one or two of their names."

Roberts, a Northville resident, spends several days a week at the farm near Maybury State Park, generally cleaning up and getting things ready for the upcoming winter.

She's studying to be a veterinarian and already holds a certificate of equine management from Michigan State University. She grew up on a farm near the western border of the township and is familiar with the operation, but she said she wasn't really looking for a job at Maybury when she posted her resume online.

A trained firefighter, Roberts works part-time at the Huron Valley Ambulance Co. She said she was looking for something to supplement it.

"I didn't expect to pick up a farm job," Roberts said. "But it happened at a good time for me."

It was a good time for the farm, too, according to Shari Peters, executive director of the Northville Community Foundation. The foundation oversees the operation of the farm and Peters said



Laura Roberts a veterinary student with a certificate of equine management from Michigan State University, is busy readying the Maybury Farm for winter.

there was a lot of work to do because of the condition it was left in at the end of the summer. With her education and background, Roberts was a good fit, Peters

added.

"She knows so much about the animals," Peters said. "I think she's going to be awesome."

Between her time at class and her other duties, Roberts has been at the farm almost daily: cleaning stalls, exercising animals and separating them in order to keep the population down during the long winter months.

There's also been plenty of other work to do, like mending the fencing in the pastures and reinforcing that so the smaller animals can't get out—or predators can't get in.

"We want to get everything fixed up before the winter," Roberts said. "We want to get everyone in and happy, so we can be happy."

She said she's also planning ways to bring the farm back to where it was when she was a child. A frequent visitor, she remembers what it was like to visit the tall draft horses that poked their heads over their fences to greet children.

A 4-H coordinator, she said she wants to get that club involved more with the operations at the farm. She also wants to bring in more diversity, too.

"There are more than one breed of sheep, or goat, or cow," Roberts said.

Most of those decisions will be made in the spring, as the farm is readied for its annual re-opening. For now, she said she's committed to keeping the farm an important part of the overall community.

"It's a working farm, but it's a learning process," she said. "People need to know that this is what goes on."

"It's wide open as far as where the farm can go from here," she added. "We're always open to suggestions or any ideas—as long as they're positive."

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Area high school students earn college credit

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Students at Belleville High School can now earn their college degree a little earlier.

As part of a new program, the Van Buren Public School District has partnered with the Wayne County Community College District western campus for an associate degree program. Students in the 10th, 11th and 12th grades who enter the intensive program will graduate with both a high school diploma and an associate degree, according to officials.

"I feel this is a wonderful opportunity for our students as we grow our partnership with Wayne County Community College," said Pete Lazaroff, superintendent of the school district. "We originally targeted this program for 2009, but thanks to the effort of our staff and the college, we are able to offer the program second semester."

Students admitted to the program can earn college credits to graduate with an associate degree or—depending on the program—credits toward a degree, according to Lazaroff.

It will prepare students for a technological and competitive job market, give a career head start, help to make a smooth transition into college and control education costs, according to officials. One of the most attractive aspects

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Pete Lazaroff

of the program is the ability of high school students to earn accelerated college credits at no out-of-the-pocket expense while they are in the public schools, college officials said.

The associate degree program will offer three levels for students to choose from, including an associate degree completion, an associate degree preparation and a certification. Depending on the age requirement for completion, the student will have the option of enrolling in a program that best fits their chosen career path.

Programs include: an associate of science degree in emergency medical technology; criminal justice, law enforcement and corrections; fire protection technology; allied health; pre-engineering and forensic photography; along with an associate of business administration degree; an associate of arts degree in computer games development and a phlebotomy certificate program.

According to college officials, high school students will be transported to the western campus each day and will take classes

each semester. Students are required to wear uniforms to both the college and high school classes. High school students will be identified on the college campus by uniform of their high school associate degree program. Students are responsible for all uniform fees.

"The uniform seems to support the research that you behave how you dress," said Nancy Ruetz, teacher and administrator at the western campus. "We've

had rave reviews from instructors. The students have to be highly motivated and organized to attend both high school and college programs."

During the summer, students can continue their program on their own, earning enough credits to get a jump-start on their future college career path. Transportation is not included in the summer.

The Wayne County Community College District has a similar program with Inkster Public Schools, as well.

"Any school district that comes after Inkster will benefit," said Ruetz. "The students we take into the program will be chosen and scheduled wisely so they won't be overwhelmed, but still receive a challenge. We've had good suc-

cess with it." There is no cost to the Van Buren Public School District for the program, rather, it will generate a small amount of money. Students must have a 3.0 overall grade point average to enter the program. If necessary, registration may be based on a lottery system. The program will start on Jan. 22.

For more information, contact the high school counseling department at (734) 697-9133.

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SPORTS



Canton Coach Brian Samulski stresses a point at the Lady chiefs practice last week.

Size matters as Canton readies for new season

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

With the first week of practice out of the way, the talent measured and the team picked, the Canton Lady Chiefs are ready to get the 2007-08 basketball season under way.

The Lady Chiefs are hoping to prove that size does matter this year.

With the departure of seniors Becci Houdek, Ja'nee Morton and Lauren Delapaz—all excellent outside shooters that could also drive to the hoop—the team will look to this year's seniors Baylee Hollowell, at center, and Marie Martin, a forward.

"We're going to be defensively oriented, play as hard as we possible can and rebound the ball. We're going to go inside and take care of the ball and see what we can get done," said Canton Coach Brian Samulski. "We shot the three a lot last year with Becci. This year we sort of changed where it's going to be more post-oriented. We had the ability to score from the perimeter last year, not to say that we don't this year, but our first option is going to be to throw it inside to Baylee."

Hollowell, at 6-foot-1, is tough and not afraid to go after the ball around the rim. She's remembered for her last second heroics against Salem in district play last year when she wrestled a rebound away from a defender and laid-up the winning shot at the buzzer.

No one can predict that she will have to repeat that this year at any point but she hopes so.

"I like close games like that," she said. "They're fun."

Another big threat is Martin at 6-foot-2. She can help battle inside for rebounds but can also hit the outside shot, according to Samulski.

Other than the two seniors Samulski has two other experienced players returning to the roster this season.

Junior Leslie Weiss might have the tallest order to fill, taking over the point guard slot from the proficient Houdek. The pressure doesn't seem to bother Weiss, though.

"For me basketball has just been a sport where I can hang out with my friends and have fun while being competitive at the same time," she said. "While it is some pressure to fill her shoes because she is an amazing player, I feel it's more important to just be competitive as a team and have fun as a team rather than worrying about my individual challenges."

Kalie Martin also returns as an experienced sophomore forward.

Senior forward Thea Spittle was on the squad last year, but didn't see too much playing time, Samulski said.

Joining the varsity team this year are junior guards Katelin Comstock, Erin Quinn and Molly Watson. Samulski also added three promising freshman to the team, too. Melanie Pickert is a guard while CarolAnn Sexauer and Kayla Bridges take on forward duties.

"We lost a lot from last year but I think that we are up for the challenge and these guards are up to challenge to step in and fill some spots and fill some new roles and play," Samulski said. "We expect the freshmen to contribute and help us win. We'll see what happens."

Four years ago Marie Martin was in a similar situation as a freshman on the varsity team. She's taken it upon herself to help them along.

"I do a lot on explaining and encouraging because I know that that helps," she said. "I've taken it upon myself to make them feel comfortable and to help them. They are doing really well and should contribute to this team."

Youth and the loss of experienced leaders isn't a concern with the players this year.

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Lady Rocks gear up for new season

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Losing quality players and gaining new faces that change the look of a team is all a part of high school sports.

It's no different for the Lady Salem Rocks varsity basketball team.

They were a power team last year with players like Teresa Coppiellie, Lauren Kurtz and Taylor Langham. With those stars graduated, Salem will change to a quicker team with a lot of youth.

The Lady Rocks only have two retuning starters from last year's roster. Only one of them is a senior.

Point guard Alaya Mitchell is the team's lone senior but brings solid leadership, a ferocious competitive nature, strong defensive play and a nice shot. She signed a full scholarship to play at Marshall University on Wednesday. Now she's just anxious to put the long wait for the season behind her and start winning some ball games.

Since the change of basketball seasons to winter this year, the team has been idle for nearly four months. Mitchell isn't a fan.

"I have to admit that I don't like it," she said. "We just have to get ready for the season to start and put the extra effort in. We had some time to rest so we have to get back into shape and get ready. This is my senior year and I'm trying to start off right and get some wins in."

Junior Chelsea Davis is the other returning starter. She's tough on the boards and can go the rim with the best of them. Although there are more new faces than familiar ones on the team this year, she likes the way things look early in the preseason.

"I feel good about this year," she said.

"It's different than last year because we had so many seniors and now we just have one. My personal goal is to score more points and get more rebounds this year. But I also want to help the younger players come along."

Victoria Brotz was a sophomore on the roster last year but saw limited time. She should have the opportunity to start this year, according to Salem Coach Fred Thomann.

The rest of the squad was pulled from the junior varsity team that went 16-4 last year.

New juniors include Erin Classen, Tara Durocher and DeAja Hopkins. Five sophomores made the list this year with Sara Stone, a likely starter; Brett deBear, another likely to start; Rachell Norman; Lavren Dworzanin; and Alyssa Garbarino, according to Thomann.

"We are going to be very quick and very skilled," Thomann said. "We have a little bit of size, but not a lot. We have very good athletes. We should be able to up-tempo the game a little bit and I think our defense will be solid. Right now, we're still in the process of melding our team together."

As the team forms it's identity, Thomann hopes his Lady Rocks can develop in to a division and conference championship team.

"Those are our goals," he said. "I would also like to see us finish with a district championship and see how we do in regional play."

With goals like that Mitchell said there is some pressure on her being the only senior on the team.

"There's definitely some pressure but

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Salem's lone senior Alaya Mitchell (right) defends against junior Victoria Brotz in practice last week. Mitchell signed her national letter of intent to play ball at Marshall University on a full scholarship.

SPORTS



Ali Lindow in action at Albion college. Photo by Dave Trumpie

Where are these athletes now?

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

When high school athletes move on to the next level it is easy to lose track of them.

Not so with former Canton High School graduate and soccer star Ali Lindow.

The daughter of Diane and Edward Lindow went off to Albion College two years ago on an academic scholarship and hasn't looked back since. With school, practice and games she really hasn't had much time to.

There she just finished up her second year on the Briton soccer team. She started all 19 games this year as a sophomore and was a part of an Albion defense that only allowed 12 goals on the year.

The team finished 13-3-3 overall, 7-2-2 for second place in league play, and won the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association Tournament under the direction of Albion Coach Lisa Roschek.

Lindow was a four-year varsity player for the Canton Lady Chiefs. She said that Canton Coach George Tomasso's coaching helped in her transition to college play.

"The defense Coach Tomasso coached when I was there was the same defense that we ran this year

at Albion so it was a big help to already know it," she said. "Plus just the basic defense skills that he taught me really helped, too."

Lindow chose Albion because of its small "charming" campus and small classes and the dedicated soccer program.

"I felt comfortable here," she said. "The players and coaching

staff are great here. They made the transition easier for me. The soccer program is really dedicated. When we're at practice, we're at practice. They are serious and that helps keeps us focused. They are dedicated to make us the best we can be."

She is working on a degree in Athletic Training.

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Ignition splits week

Detroit Ignition midfielder Jonathan Greenfield out works some Ironmen in Detroit's 21-14 loss at Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township on Sunday. Ricardinho scored six points in the effort. Worteh Sampson scored on two-pointer. Jamar Beasley and Mike Apple each scored a three-pointer. The Ignition was fresh off of an 11-9 win over host Philadelphia KiXX on Saturday. Greenfield led the Ignition with five points in the win. Sampson, Beasley and Ricardinho each scored two-pointers. The Ignition doesn't play at home again until 7:35 pm on Friday, Nov. 30. Photo by Ken Garner

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SPORTS



Plymouth goaltender Jeremy Smith makes one of his 37 saves in the Whalers' 3-0 victory over Mississauga Friday night at Compuware Arena. Photo by Walt Dmoch

Whalers win 6th straight

The Plymouth Whalers got on a roll when they beat the visiting Guelph Storm, 4-2, on Saturday night.

Plymouth goaltender Jeremy Smith stopped 29 of 31 shots to net the win.

Chris Terry and Andrew Fournier scored a goal and two assists each to help boost the team to its sixth consecutive victory.

AJ Jenks and Brett Bellemore added single goals

for Plymouth. Taylor Beck and Drew Doughty scored for Guelph.

The win improves Plymouth to 12-6-1-0, good for third place in the OHL West. Guelph is now 8-9-3-0.

Smith's performance earned him the game's first star for the second straight game. He stopped 37 shots Friday night in the Whalers' 3-0 victory over Mississauga and came into the contest with two straight

shutouts. Smith, a second round pick of the Nashville Predators, had his shutout string stopped at 144:49 when Beck scored in the first period to tie the game at 1-1.

Smith had a shutout streak of 151:37 last season between Oct. 13-29, 2006.

The Whalers are back at home next Friday against Windsor and next Saturday against London. Both games start at 7:05 p.m.

Salem

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it's nothing I can't handle," she said. "I kind of like it, actually. I feel like I'm getting older and can take the lead of the team and help us win.

"We're going to have pull together as a team and soon," she added. "Once we do that, defensively we should be good. We're just excited to get the season going."

To get that district championship they might have to get by rival Canton, the team that knocked them out of the playoffs with buzzer-beater winning shot, to get there. The team is also looking forward to another, and even possibly bigger, rivalry against

Plymouth in the regular season. That one pits Davis against cousin Kelsi Robinson on Plymouth's side.

"We're already starting the trash talk," Davis said of the friendly, family-centered competition.

Davis said the team is trying not to look too far in advance at those type of games and wants to take it one game at a time.

"You can expect us to compete in every game," she said. "We're not going to go down without a fight. I'm not going to jump the gun and say we're going to win a state championship but you can expect some great things from us this year."

Salem opens the season at home at 7 p.m. on Nov. 27 against Ann Arbor Pioneer.

Canton

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"Although we are a young team we have a lot of team chemistry," Weiss said. "We're going to be good. With the four returning players it will definitely be an asset to our team, especially Baylee—she's incredible.

"We have a really good team this year with a lot of chemistry," Hollowell added. "I think you'll see a lot of teamwork. Last year we had Becci and Ja'nee that were really strong. I don't think we have someone that stands out so much so we working as a team to make up for the people that we lost."

The Lady Chiefs enter the season as the defending Western division and WLAA Conference champs. Both accolades are goals again this year.

"I have really high expectations," Martin said.

"I think we're going to do great. We've been working really hard in practice and really focused. Our goals are to win division and conference tournament. I think that we have a really good shot. We have really good talent on this team and we just have to put it all together."

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1. Obituaries



CARR, Darryl Dennall, age 45, died October 19, 2007. he was born September 6, 1962. Darryl leaves to cherish and rejoice in his memory, significant other, Delores Dean; two daughters, Tonya and Nolia Dean; four sons, Antonio Aldridge, Darryl Carr Jr, Aquilla and Christopher Dean; and grandchildren, Michael Darnell and Diamond Aldridge, all of Detroit, MI. Also cherishing his memory are brothers, William and Sylvester Carr of MI, Melvin, Jessie lee, James and Larry Carr all of Memphis, TN; half brother David Lee Hudson of Shelby, MS; sisters, Addie Be, Lorine and the late Brenda Jean Carr of Memphis, TN; three sisters-in-law, Sheila Carr of Farmington Hills, MI, Mabel Carr of Grosse Pointe, MI and DeCelia Carr of Memphis, TN; plus a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends. Services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Rev. Arthur Willis officiating. Interment was at Knollwood Cemetery, Canton, MI. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home, Inkster, MI.



CHEEKS, Lena Belle Riley, age 66, died November 1, 2007. She was born December 16, 1940. She was preceded in death by her parents; her son Derrick Renard Cheeks (9/4/99); and brothers Herbert, Roy, Presley and Ivy. She leaves to cherish her memory, sons, Eric Cheeks and William Cheeks; daughters, June McKinney (Derrick) and LaTonya Jones-Greenwade (Michael); brothers, William (Mable), Tom (Martha), Reuben (Arteria) and Charles; sisters-in-law, Beverly Riley and Betty Lee; grandchildren, Ashley, Eric Jr., Menyond, Derrick jr., De'Ante, Jonathan, William III, Joshua, Angelica, Tasha, Vasha, Resheika, Elmer Jr., Dennis, Dorothea, Daniel, Danyell, Derrick II, Divine, Dinah and DeShandra and a host of great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, relatives, friends and church

family. Services were held at Bethlehem Temple of Belleville, Belleville, MI with Elder Elliott B. Karo officiating. Interment was at Sunset Hills, Ypsilanti, MI. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home, Inkster, MI.



DEASFERNANDES, Antonio, age 83, died October 30, 2007. He was born December 12, 1923. He leaves to cherish his memory, 3 siblings, Marguerite Ross (Missouri), Nathaniel Deasfernandes (Willa Mae) and Marie Scott; stepsons, Curtis, Donald and David; daughter, Alicia preceded him in death; a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends; special and devoted friends, Pastor Karen Butler, Pastor Willie Wilson, Tetrie and Michelle (Hunter's Apts.). Services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Rev. Lucius Mitchum officiating. Cremation rites were accorded. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home, Inkster, MI.

KANE, Geraldine, age 65 of Wayne, November 8, 2007. Beloved wife of the late Bernard. Dear mother of Julie L. Kane and Dennis E. (Elizabeth). Grandmother of Seth Amos, Brendan Brown, Samantha and Allana Kane. Sister of Wilbert Kujala, the late Pearl Monroe and Howard Swartwood. Family received friends before services at the Uht Funeral Home, Westland, on Sunday, November 11, 2007, with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens Cemetery West on Monday. Please visit and sign a tribute at www.uht-funeralhome.com.



SMITH, Clarence Maurice, age 39, died November 3, 2007. He was born January 26, 1968. Clarence was preceded in death by his mother, both maternal and paternal grandparents, and two nephews. He leaves to cherish is memory, his father, Wallace Joe Dorsey Jr; two devoted sisters, Denise Marie Roberson

and Lorraine Sharon Willis (Robert); two brothers, Freddie Smith Jr. and Darryl Jerome Smith; two nephews, Howard Lamar Roberson and Robert T. Willis III; three nieces, Tarra Annette Roberson, Kletha Carol Roberson and Sharita Nicole Willis (Jamar); six great nieces and four great nephews; devoted aunt, Mary Ann Barbara Curry and a host of cousins and friends. Services were held at Greater Ephesian Baptist Church, Detroit, MI with Pastor Jerry James officiating. Interment was at Detroit memorial park West, Redford, MI. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home.



SMITH, Priscilla, age 81, died October 30, 2007. She was born January 9, 1926. Priscilla's parents preceded her in death, as did her four siblings, Ida Mae Crump, Saint A. Smith, Jewel Anderson and Claude Smith. She leaves to cherish her memory, sisters, DeaElla Jones and Pearlean Forest, both of St. Louis, MO.; nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends. Services were held at Penn Funeral home with interment at Knollwood Memorial Park. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home, Inkster, MI.



STALLINGS, Vertie Lee,

age 69, died November 1, 2007. She was born February 13, 1938. She leaves behind to cherish her memory twenty grandchildren, Aretina, Arlet, LaTasha, Stephen, Kenyetta, Kamaria, Khalid (Khalidun), Steven, Chelsea, Courtney, Charmaine, Tatiana, Tyler, Matthew, Kennetra, Alexis, Kenneth II, Wanya, Kevon and Terrance, and seven great grandchildren, Elijah, Christopher, Damaris, Kiarra, Gianni, Napier and Sincere and a host of nieces, nephews, loved ones and friends. Services were held at High Praise Cathedral of Faith, Inkster, MI with Bishop Clarence B. Haddon officiating. Interment was at United Memorial Gardens, Plymouth, MI. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home, Inkster, MI.

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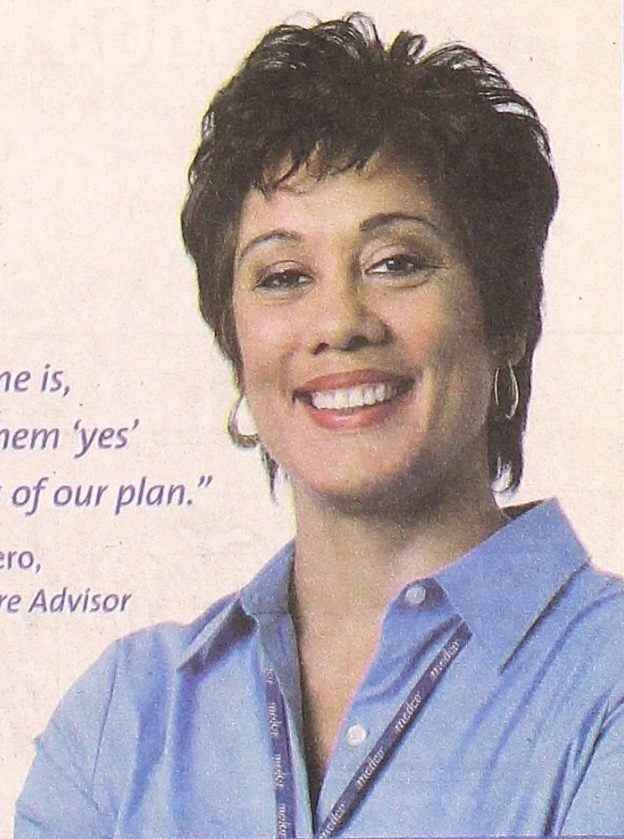
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